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BOARD DISCUSSES STANDARDS-SETTING, BULLYING

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its meeting on Wednesday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard updates and made decisions on a variety of items.

The board agreed unanimously to extend Education Commissioner Terry Holliday's contract for four years. (See News Release 12-040 for more details.)

The board also recognized Phillip Rogers, outgoing executive director of the Education Professional Standards Board, with a resolution noting his service to the Commonwealth.

Representatives from the Corbin Independent and Knox County school districts presented information during an appeal to the board related to a nonresident student agreement for the 2012-13 school year between the two districts. The board agreed to remand the issue back to the commissioner for further consideration based on factual information related to court decisions, enrollment and other items.

The board heard updates on several items:

- a Learning Forward initiative that will help Kentucky and other states implement new subject-area standards
- standards-setting related to the Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) testing system
- how the Kentucky Center for School Safety and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) provide support for districts on the issue of bullying
- state regulation 704 KAR 3:305 (Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation) as it relates to 2012's Senate Bill 43
- a report on Title IX deficiencies for schools audited during the 2011-12 school year and planned activities for 2012-13

The board took several actions during the meeting:

- approved the Statements of Consideration for state regulations 703 KAR 5:070 and 703 KAR 5:225 [Statements of Consideration collect all comments related to regulations and make recommendations based on those.]
- agreed to move final action on state regulation 704 KAR 7:160 (Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Public Schools) to its August meeting

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- approved the re-appointment of Cherissa L. Eden, Donna R. Lovell and Barbara M. Waltrip to the State Textbook Commission
- approved the re-appointment of William Beasley to the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Board of Control
- accepted the recommendation of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission to certify 94 non-public schools
- approved district facility plans for the Crittenden, Grant, Henderson, Pulaski, Todd and Trimble County and Augusta and Murray Independent school districts
- approved district facility plan amendments for the Monroe County and Ashland Independent school districts
- approved the request for waiver of state regulation 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) from the Ft. Thomas Independent school district to allow a one-time approval of certified common carriers for transportation
- approved the request for waiver of state regulation 702 KAR 4:180 by the Murray Independent school district
- approved the 2013 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- approved the 2011 Report, 2011 Exceptions and 2013 Plan as required by state regulation 702 KAR 1:115 (Annual in-service training of local district board members)
- approved the Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) FY13 Unmet Need and KETS Expenditure Plan

The Kentucky Board of Education will hold a retreat and regular meeting on August 8 and 9 in Frankfort. For more information about the board, click on the Kentucky Board of Education link on the Kentucky Department of Education's homepage.

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